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OLD-FASHIONED DUCK AND GOOSE CALLS STILL LEGAL

If someone tells you that you can't blow your old duck or goose call to lure a flight of quackers or honkers within gun range this fall because of some new Federal waterfowl regulations, don't believe them. It just isn't so. That was the assurance given by Director Daniel H. Janzen of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, today.

Mr. Janzen's comment was made to correct the erroneous impressions some hunters have gained about the effects of the new restriction, adopted both in this country and in Canada, on the use of electronic calls for waterfowl hunting.

The amended section of the regulations under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act prohibits the taking of waterfowl by the use or aid of "recorded bird calls or sounds, or recorded or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls or sounds." All the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife has done, Mr. Janzen emphasized, is ban the use of the electronic-recorded calls, some of which have been so effective they have resulted in excessive kills.

As for these electronic calls, you can still use them to lure crows or other unprotected, nuisance nongame species and predators to gun range, if not prohibited by State law. "According to the information the Bureau has secured," said Mr. Janzen, "they really work well for those purposes, too."

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